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PRESS APRIL 17 REPORTED CHEJU ISLAND CRASH CHINESE NATIONALIST JET AIRCRAFT AND DEATH PILOT. AIR ATTACHE CHINESE EMBASSY SEOUL APRIL 18 CONFIRMED CRASH AND REPORTED AIRCRAFT WAS RF 84F ON PHOTO RECON MISSION "NORTH OF SHANGHAI." AIRCRAFT TOTAL WRECK BUT FILMS AND CAMERA RECOVERED INTACT AND NOW POSSESSION FEAF.

CHINESE AIR ATTACHE THEORIZES AIRCRAFT COMPLETED MISSION BUT JUMPED BY CHICOM MIGS AND FORCED FLY NORTH TO ROK. CHEJU AIRFIELDS UNABLE ACCOMMODATE JET AIRCRAFT. REPORTS INDICATE CRASH RESULT STALL AFTER DROPPING FILMS AND CAMERA.

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